

Navy Yard Lends Force to Enroll Reserve Recruits

Many Volunteers Wait in
Vain to Enlist at Cort-
landt Street Office

One Doctor on Duty

Experts Expected 700 Would
Be Sworn In During Week
—Only 118 on List

Two additional officers and a large clerical force were detailed by Rear Admiral Usher, commandant at the Brooklyn navy yard, to the Naval Reserve recruiting station at 26 Cortlandt street yesterday following the report of Commander John B. Patton, retired, head of the office, that only 118 officers and men had been enrolled there during the week, although more than 1,000 had applied. Recruiting experts had estimated that at least 700 men would be enrolled at this office.

Twenty-one commissioned officers and ninety-seven men were enlisted in the Reserve by Commander Patton's force, while day after day scores of other eager, patriotic young men came in, waited for hours to be examined and enlisted, and then went away disappointed without even having had their names taken by the clerks.

"I'm through with this Naval Reserve," more than one man remarked as he left. "I got my boss to let me take the morning off to enlist, I've been waiting here from 9 to 1 and all they've told me was to let them alone, they were too busy to talk to me. I guess I'll serve Uncle Sam somewhere else."

That Wrong Viewpoint
When this was reported to Commander Patton, and he was asked what steps he had taken to remedy the congested condition, he replied:

"The newspapers and the public have an altogether wrong viewpoint. I shall not say what I am doing about it. Besides, I am satisfied with the way things are going here. Everything is very satisfactory. Most of these men don't come here to enlist, anyway. They just come in to make inquiries, and get mad when there is no one to answer them. They have the wrong viewpoint."

One lone surgeon, a volunteer, struggled desperately to examine a part of the crowd. He had been alone for five afternoons, while in New York City are hundreds of other surgeons who would gladly have volunteered to help him. This, too, was pointed out to Commander Patton, and again he was asked why no effort to obtain volunteers had been made.

"That is my business," he replied, and departed.

Another surgeon has been on duty each morning, and both had worked at top speed, but the 118 were all they were able to examine and accept during the week. Only a few others were rejected.

Navy Sends Relief

One civilian, indignant at the way things were being handled, went to the navy yard and reported it to Commander F. B. Upham, aid to Admiral Usher for the Naval Reserve.

"You may say that additional surgeons will be supplied the Cortlandt street office on Monday," he said.

This may relieve the congestion, especially as Lieutenant Commander John H. Barnard, of the regular navy, and Captain A. B. Randall, of the Naval Auxiliary Service, were also detailed to the office to act as information officers for all inquiries.

Recruiting for the regular army in New York has been more successful than for the navy, according to statistics. So far this month the army has obtained 912 men and the navy about 500, exclusive of the Naval Reserve, which is called on only in time of actual war.

Several women again tried to enlist as yeomen in the navy, but were informed that it was a mistake, and that the enlistment of seven young women in the Naval Reserve at Bridgeport, Conn., had been rejected by the Navy Department. The department notified the recruiting officers that no women would be received in the Naval Reserve.

Catholics Pledge Support to Wilson

Aid of Church in U. S. Offered
at Dinner at Poor Richard
Club in Philadelphia

(By Telegram to The Tribune)
Philadelphia, March 24.—That the Roman Catholic Church in America stands squarely behind the President

of the United States in the present crisis, was the declaration of Monsignor Henry T. Drumgoole, of the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, Overbrook, at a luncheon of representatives of many organizations to-day in the Poor Richard Club.

Father Drumgoole represented Archbishop Prendergast. He spoke with authority when he defined the position of the Catholic Church in the event of war.

"Every faculty of the church, manhood, womanhood, priesthood, sisterhood, churches, schools and hospitals are lined solidly behind the nation and the President," he declared.

Germans Ordered Held

Staunton, Va., March 24.—The Department of Justice to-day advised the county commonwealth's attorney to hold the three Germans arrested Monday on the Crimora manganese mine property at Crimora, Va. The mine supplies a large quantity of manganese used in making armor plate, and it is alleged that the Germans were inspecting the works when arrested.

Columbia Men Ready

Students and Alumni Volun-
teer for War Service

Fifteen thousand Columbia alumni and students have signed their willingness to enroll in various capacities in case of war. The university recently sent out 20,000 blank forms to the student body and those of the alumni who could be reached. On these blanks were spaces in which the recipient was to signify what type of service he would prefer.

Six hundred members of the student body are training daily in the 22d Regiment Armory, while large groups are also being instructed in naval warfare and motor boat patrolling. The Alumni Association of the university is handling all details regarding the drilling of the Officers' Training Corps and the two other squads.

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